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| Application No: | 10/637,849 |) Re: Extension of Time |
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| For: | "Clamp and Alignment Mechanism..." |) Date: September 18, 2006 |
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

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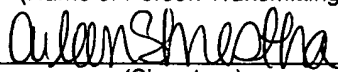
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2. Applicant is a **large** entity.
3. Attached is a check in the sum of **\$120.00**. Charge to Deposit Account 12-0415 any additional fee required or credit for any excess paid.
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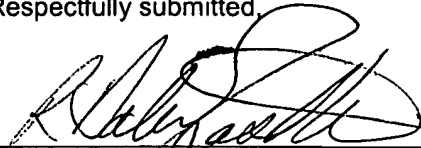
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